

Durham Animal Control Advisory Committee
September 22, 2009

In attendance: Joyce McKinney, Becky Heron, Joyce Arcus, Fran Foster, Amanda Arrington, Cindy Bailey, Shafonda Price, Marie Inserra, Martha Ann Traylor, Susan Teer, Evelyn Nicholson. There was 1 guest from the community in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Animal Control Updates:

- incidence of dog bites have leveled out
- currently operating with a full staff with the exception of the dispatch position; this position will be filled internally

Shelter Update:

- reviewed intake and outcome statistics for July and August

Old Business:

- discussed the situation with panhandlers having dogs in areas that are dangerous (busy intersections); Marie indicated that it could be very difficult to find a way to penalize those individuals/remove the dogs from the care of the individuals
- a suggestion was made to present the issue to the City Council not only as an animal welfare issue but also as a public health and safety issue
- Animal Control to work with Marie to create a presentation for the City Council

New Business:

- discussion regarding a recommendation to extend term limits for Animal Control Review Board members (proposed code change)
- a motion was made to make a recommendation by written letter to the County Commission to institute the designated changes in the code as presented by Marie
 - ◆ motion passed
 - ◆ letter to be distributed by email for committee review before being sent to the County Commission
- motion made to nominate Fran Foster to replace Amanda Arrington as Committee Chair; motion seconded; ACAC members voted to approve Fran Foster as the new Chair
- motion made to nominate Joyce Arcus for the position of Vice-Chair; motion seconded; members voted to approve Joyce Arcus as the new Vice-Chair

Meeting closed at 7:56 PM.

Next meeting to be held November 24, 2009 at the Durham Animal Shelter.

Minutes submitted by Joyce McKinney.